

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Kahn and Wojno.

Representative Vander Veen moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting. Representative Nofs supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6253 before the committee.

HB 6253 Gaffney State agencies (existing); community health; extension of sunset for temporary licensure of certain registered nurses; provide for.

Janet Hash and Camille McFadden of the Detroit Medical Center testified in support of the bill. Ms. Nash and Ms. McFadden also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Curtis Hertel Jr. of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Peter Ruddell of the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Lynn Weimeister of Beaumont Hospitals. Ms. Weimeister also submitted written testimony.

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Felicia Wasson of St. John Health. Ms. Wasson also submitted written testimony.

Representative Vander Veen moved to report HB 6253 with recommendation. Representative Hune supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Adamini, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5218 before the committee.

HB 5218 Amos

Health; occupations; licensure of massage therapists; provide for.

Representative Fran Amos, sponsor of HB 5218, and Bruce Froelich of the American Massage Therapy Association testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Glenn Steil Jr. testified in opposition to the bill.

Nancy Levitt of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage and the American Massage Therapy Association testified in support of the bill. Ms. Levitt also submitted written testimony.

Donald Bowman of Lansing testified in opposition to the bill.

Robert Kelly of Ypsilanti testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Virginia Dusseau of the Center for Comprehensive Counseling testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Dusseau also submitted written testimony.

Irene Savoyat of East Lansing testified in support of the bill.

Carol Baggerly of Blue Heron Academy testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Baggerly also submitted written testimony.

Susan McDowell of Irene's Myomassology Institute and Prime Massage and Bodywork testified in support of the bill.

Patty Backus, Sandra Kotch, and Kristina Balish of the Flint School of Therapeutic Massage testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Biran Broderick of the Economic Alliance For Michigan testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill.

Annie Kopko of the American Massage Therapy Association testified in support of the bill.

Dan Morris of Kalamazoo testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Morris also submitted written testimony.

Shawn Hansen of Blue Heron Academy testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Hansen also submitted written testimony.

Jim Arkison of Structural Integration testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Arkison also submitted written testimony.

Amanda Cihak and Christina Harangozo of the Michigan Medical Massage Association testified

in opposition to the bill. Ms. Cihak and Ms. Harangozo also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Marilyn Rotko of the Michigan School of Myomassology.
Phil Cutrell of Touch Therapy Associates.
Mabel Menadier-Thomas of Lansing Community College.
Celeste Hamilton of the American Massage Therapy Association.
Aubrey Lesicki of the American Massage Therapy Association.
Garry Adkins of Southfield.
Debra Azager of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Todd Simmons of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Todd Sargeant of Ann Arbor.
Eric Crytzer of Wyandotte.
Nancy Werner of Stockbridge.
Sarah Musil of Ypsilanti.
Dennis Sanders of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Cheryl Dodge of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Jean Powell the American Physical Therapy Association.
Veronica Maler of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Erinn Fraser of Ann Arbor.
Jonathan Burt of Burt and Company Massage Therapy.
Angela Kasmala of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
John Dhoest of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Donyale Branthier of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Barbara Brigee of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Kathy Gauthier of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Irene Gauthier of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Natalie Brougham of Ann Arbor.
Michelle Karr of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Nancy Tite of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Maja McKeever of Creative Wellness.
Temy Hirth Caldwell of Bodywise Therapeutic Massage.
George Borg of Brighton.
Paula Martings-Mantay of Allied Massage Therapy.
Jo Anne Meehl of Livonia.
Julie Wineman of Walled Lake.
Gail Tola of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Lorraine Shamley of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Judy Hattken of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Elizabeth Huffman of Ypsilanti.
Jerold W. Lundgren of the American Massage Therapy Association.
Eric Mularski of Clinton Township.
Debra Oliver of Irene's Myomassology Institute.
Janet Szwabowski of Dearborn Heights.
Susan Price of Lansing.

Elizabeth Cietts of Lansing.
Dolly Wallace of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Beth Smith of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Jessica Kilbourn of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Judith DuCharme of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Adam Crorey of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Renee Aiken of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Sandra Cope of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Karen Gates of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
Kelly Schneider of the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage.
James Nichols of Sterling Heights.
Courtney Brooks of Charlotte.
Arthur Pura of Lansing.
Heather Newsome of the American Massage Therapy Association.

The following individuals submitted cards indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Jo Martinie of East Lansing.
Shanemarie King of East Lansing.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Joan Coxton of Ann Arbor.
Bradley Wilson of Ann Arbor.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Kahn and Wojno. Representative Mortimer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair _____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk.
House Health Policy Committee, (517) 373-5795